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With liquid crystal provided in front of reels, a gaming machine includes reels **3** having symbol placement faces shaped like curved surfaces on which a plurality of symbols are placed for variably displaying of a plurality of symbol rows each made up of the plurality of symbols, liquid crystal **504** being provided in front of and opposed to the reels **3** for displaying the symbols through a flat symbol transmission face and also displaying an image concerning game play, reel backlights **513** for illuminating the symbols, and reel side reflectors **320** being provided on a side of the reels **3** for covering an area sandwiched between the symbol placement face and the symbol transmission face on a face on the side of the reels **3** for assisting image display of the liquid crystal **504**.

